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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

November is the month we see the weather really change and not for the better. It's a great time of year but also a challenging one for us out in the Valley. I wanted to start off by sharing with you some of the steps the city is taking to deal with adverse weather this season. The City Council has elected to spend substantial, additional monies on adding equipment this year to improve our snow removal capabilities. We do have a limited budget for these activities but will work hard to balance everything.

The city has purchased de-icing liquid and application equipment for pre-treatment of roads during expected cold weather. We'll also continue to utilize sand for traction but the change this year is it will have salt mixed in. The salt rapidly changes the freezing point bringing the roads to bare and wet very quickly. Along with other small additions not mentioned we will be retrofitting one of our Public Works trucks with the de-icing applicator mentioned and a snow plow.



In addition to the equipment, we will be enhancing our snow plan to make sure that we are as prepared as we can be for any dramatic changes in the weather. A signage system will be put in place to inform you of road closures related to snow or flooding. We intend to use our website along with our channel 8 TV station and RPIN to share information. I recommend you log on to RPIN.org if you are not already a member. This is a free email subscription service for our area that we update as events happen and it also has county and other city closure information on it. We will always do our best for you however it is still important for each family to be prepared for the worst with three plus days of food and water, being familiar with our snow routes and policies as well as making your vehicles as prepared as possible with traction control devices to use when needed. Last year was a record but we seem to have records every year lately.

On a much lighter note, I want to thank all of the trick or treaters that stopped by the local businesses for Hal-

loween. I hope you all had a great time and didn't have too much candy. The city is gearing up for the holiday events, so please see the insert for a list of the upcoming events.

Also this month our Friendship City in South Korea, Jangheung, contacted me and they are very interested in starting up a student exchange program with us. So if any of you are interested in experiencing a different culture for five short weeks, and who want to show a South Korean Student some of our great cultural, then please let me know. We are looking at doing it in January of 2010.



Finally, with the weather changing and it getting darker out sooner please drive carefully. There are a lot of young kids out and about coming home from different school activities to be aware of when driving.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Have you always wondered what other cultures are like? Have you always wanted to show someone from another country what you love about the Pacific Northwest? Well now is your chance!

The City of Jangheung in South Korea is looking for a few host families that would be willing to host a student for five weeks. The tentative dates are January 6 to February 10, 2010.

The exchange students range from two middle school students to one high school student. The students would live with their host families during their stay. Daytime activities for the students include attending school and participating in any of your family activities.

The City of Snoqualmie will be hosting 15 students at the same time so there would be lots of support for the host families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mayor Ibershof at 206-255-2855.



LOCAL HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING

With the help of King County Local Hazardous Waste grant funds and Duvall True Value Hardware and Garden, the City of Duvall is able to offer a permanent drop off location for household batteries.



The following battery “chemistries” are accepted:

- Alkaline
- NiCad - Nickle Cadmium
- NiMH – Nickel Cadmium and Metal
- Li - Lithium
- Li-ion – Lithium Ion

All batteries should have the “chemistry” name listed on them somewhere.

Bring your used batteries to Duvall True Value during their normal business hours. A checker will take your batteries for recycling. Please tape the contacts of each battery and separate the different chemistries.

Auto and boat batteries are still recycled at Duvall Auto Parts during normal business hours.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Jodi Lee Wycoff at City Hall, 425-788-1185 or jodi.wycoff@duvallwa.gov.

THANK YOU TO THE REDWOLVES JUNIOR FOOTBALL JV TEAM!

The Duvall Public Works Department would like to thank the Redwolves Junior Football JV team members, their coaches and their families for rebuilding a fence at Hix Park.

As part of their volunteer community service project, they took out and replaced a portion of the fence that needed repair. The new fence looks great!



FLOODING INFORMATION



This time of year always brings rain. Lots and lots of rain. As most of you already know, for us here in the Snoqualmie Valley, all that rain means occasional flooding. It is a fact of life for us and we have to learn to deal with it when it occurs. Roads will likely close due to flooding at some point this season and when they do, we ask that you be patient with our Police Officers as they try to get you to and from wherever you need to go as quickly as possible. Here are some tips on how you can help:

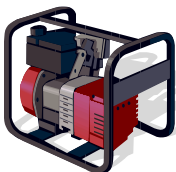
Work from home if you can during a flood. That would mean one less car on the road and less time for you spent in traffic. Alternatively, you could change your hours so that your commute will be different than the majority.

Contact King County Roads to find out about closures before you hit the road. You can call them at 800-527-6237 or go to their website at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/>. Another good resource for this information is the Regional Public Information Network at www.rpin.org/rpinweb/. You can sign up for email alerts about closures on either of these websites.

Go for a drive during the weekend when it is not flooding to find an alternate route that makes sense to you. You can find some options on our website at www.duvallwa.gov/helpfullinks.



Most importantly, BE SAFE & SMART! If a road is closed, it is closed for a reason. Even if you cannot see water on one side of the valley, it may be on the other side. Do not try to cross a road with standing water on it, it is deeper and swifter than you think. If you think a road should be re-opened, please contact King County Roads at the number listed above or the Duvall-Carnation Police Department at 425-788-1519.



THE SHOCKING TRUTH! GENERATOR SAFETY

The stormy season is approaching and it is time to prepare. Plan to attend a Generator Safety Class at the Duvall Fire Department sponsored by the Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps on Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Safety tips including ventilation, power hook-up, fuel storage, and other important items will be discussed.

For more information, you can contact Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps at info@carnationduvallcitizencorps.org, or visit their website at www.carnationduvallcitizencorps.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 12th & 24th : City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

November 19th Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

PLEASE NOTE: The Second Council Meeting in November has been moved to Tuesday, November 24th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.